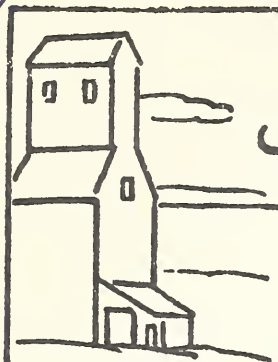


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Stocks of Grains in All Positions

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STOCKS OF GRAINS APRIL 1, 1956 WITH COMPARISONS (in thousand bushels)

Grain and Position	April 1 1954	April 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	April 1 1956
WHEAT				
On Farms 1/	296,598	211,592	320,800	218,850
Terminals 2/	298,934	351,913	403,181	366,412
Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	47,483	122,509	141,056	132,022
Merchant Mills 1/ 4/	104,778	101,475	126,878	102,515
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 5/	380,137	447,572	550,101	467,785
TOTAL	1,127,930	1,235,068	1,542,016	1,287,584
RYE				
On Farms 1/	5,467	8,021	14,048	11,245
Terminals 2/	9,811	8,779	8,369	4,296
Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	12	98	29	22
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 5/	3,327	3,337	6,454	8,164
TOTAL	18,617	20,235	28,900	23,727
CORN				
On Farms 1/	1,473,745	1,425,743	2,191,409	1,476,965
Terminals 2/	33,793	56,199	71,529	79,860
Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	399,315	512,770	582,790	534,266
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 5/	85,897	138,249	212,994	200,196
TOTAL	1,992,750	2,132,961	3,058,722	2,291,287
OATS				
On Farms 1/	447,253	551,570	981,205	588,277
Terminals 2/	8,648	17,886	26,575	24,760
Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	73	1,393	5,708	5,221
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 5/	35,216	48,526	68,836	55,349
TOTAL	491,190	619,375	1,082,324	673,607
BARLEY				
On Farms 1/	75,531	116,721	189,510	115,784
Terminals 2/	8,923	21,184	26,075	21,747
Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	26	414	547	291
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 5/	39,601	68,198	88,340	68,512
TOTAL	124,081	206,517	304,472	206,334
SORGHUM GRAIN				
On Farms 1/	6/	6/	68,058	6/
Terminals 2/	7,301	38,425	38,331	33,941
Commodity Credit Corp. 3/	1	90	4	C
Int. Mills, Elev. & Whses. 1/ 5/	30,226	82,130	116,301	90,786
TOTAL	6/	6/	222,694	6/

1/ Estimates of the Crop Reporting Board.

2/ Commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at 44 Terminal cities.

3/ Owned by CCC and stored in bins or other storages owned or controlled by CCC, also CCC-owned grain in transit; other CCC-owned grain is included in the estimates by positions.

4/ Mills reporting to the Bureau of the Census, on millings and stocks of flour.

5/ All off-farm storages not otherwise designated for each grain.

6/ Not available for April 1.

GRAIN STOCKS REPORT AS OF APRIL 1, 1956

Stocks stored in all positions on April 1 were record large for corn with 2,291 million bushels, wheat at 1,288 million bushels, and oats at 674 million bushels. The off-farm total of 125 million bushels of sorghum grain (farm stocks are not estimated on April 1) is also largest of record. The 23.7 million bushels of rye are the largest April 1 stocks since 1944 and barley stocks are nearly equal to the record stocks of a year ago. The tonnage of feed grains in all positions is the largest in the 14 year series available for April 1. These totals were assembled by the Crop Reporting Board, bringing together commercial stocks at terminals, as reported by the Grain Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service; grains reported by Commodity Credit Corporation as owned and stored in bins, ships and other storages under CCC control and in transit; estimates of the Crop Reporting Board for stocks on farms and at merchant mills and interior mills, elevators and warehouses.

Wheat stocks of 1,288 million bushels stored in all positions on April 1 are the largest for that date in the comparable series beginning in 1935. This total is 4 percent larger than a year earlier, the previous record holdings, and more than double the 1945-54 April 1 average. The stocks total was more than a third larger than the 1955 production, reflecting the record large carry-over of old wheat on July 1, a large part of which was Government owned. Current stocks are less than January 1, 1956 stocks by 254 million bushels or 16 percent.

Off-farm wheat stocks of 1,069 bushels, 4 percent larger than a year earlier, were a record total for the date with holdings at record levels for all off-farm positions except merchant mills. Of this total, more than nine-tenths was either owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation or was warehouse-stored wheat under Government commodity loans. Stocks of wheat on farms at 219 million bushels were slightly above a year ago with nearly two-thirds of the total under Government loan.

The off-farm total includes 103 million bushels at merchant mills, 468 million at interior mills, elevators and warehouses and 366 million bushels commercial stocks at terminals. The Commodity Credit Corporation had a record total for the date of 132 million bushels stored in bins under CCC control, aboard ships in the "mothball fleet" and in transit to ports. Other Government-owned wheat is included in the estimate for the position where stored.

Rye stocks of 23.7 million bushels in all positions on April 1 were the largest since 1944 and 17 percent larger than on this same date a year earlier. Farm stocks of rye, estimated at 11.2 million bushels, which account for about 47 percent of the total stocks in all positions, were 40 percent larger than last year and the largest on this date since 1943. Stocks of rye at interior mills and elevators reported at 8.2 million bushels, were almost 2 1/2 times as large as a year earlier and the largest of record. Rye stocks at terminals of 4.3 million bushels were only about half as large as January 1 and a year ago while holdings in CCC bins were quite small. Stocks on farms and at interior mills and elevators account for about four-fifths of the total.

Stocks of corn in all storage positions on April 1 at 2,291 million bushels, were the largest of record, 7 percent above the 2,133 million bushels in storage a year ago and 47 percent above average. About one-half of the stocks were under loan to or owned by CCC. Of the total stocks, 1,477 million bushels were on farms-- up about 4 percent from a year ago. The CCC had 534 million bushels in Government owned bins compared with 513 million bushels a year ago. Interior mills, elevators and warehouses had an all time high of 200 million bushels on hand April 1 compared with 138 million bushels a year earlier. Corn stocks at terminals totaled 80 million bushels, well above the 56 million bushels a year ago and more than double the April 1 average.

Disappearance of corn from all positions during the January-March quarter was 767 million bushels compared with 692 million bushels the same quarter a year ago and the average of 764 million bushels.

Stocks of oats in all positions are estimated at 674 million bushels--a record high. This is nearly one-tenth above last year, and one-fourth more than the 10-year average. More than half the Nation's stocks are concentrated in 4 States-- Minnesota, 111 million bushels; Iowa, 110 million; South Dakota 65 million and Wisconsin, 64 million bushels.

Farm stored oats at a record of 588 million bushels represent 87 percent of the April 1 total stocks, a somewhat smaller portion than usual. Holdings of 55 million bushels in interior mills, elevators and warehouses are also the largest ever held in that position. The total of 25 million bushels stored in terminals, although nearly two-fifths larger than last year, has been exceeded three times during the past 30 years. Oats stored by CCC in their own bins is reported at 5 million bushels, more than double last year's total. Disappearance of 409 million bushels since January 1, 1956 is larger than usual, and compares with 395 million bushels for the corresponding quarter last year.

Stocks of barley in all positions on April 1 totaled 206.3 million bushels, the second largest of record and exceeded only slightly by last year's all-time high total of 206.5 million bushels. Of the current holdings, 115.8 million bushels were on farms--the second largest farm stocks since 1943; 68.5 million bushels were in interior mills, elevators and warehouses--the largest of record; and 21.7 million bushels were in terminals--the largest in 5 years. Disappearance of 98.1 million was the largest of record.

Sorghum grain stocks estimates are available as of April 1 for only the off-farm positions. The off-farm stocks total was an April 1 record of 124.7 million bushels compared with 120.6 million bushels a year ago. Of the current total, 90.8 million bushels were in interior mills, elevators and warehouses up--8.7 million bushels from a year ago--and 33.9 million bushels were in terminals--down 4.5 million bushels from a year ago.

Stocks of grain, April 1, 1956

		<u>Wheat</u>							
: In interior mills, :		Merchant :		Off-farm :		Total 2/ :			
State : elevators, & ware-		mills :		total 1/ :		all positions :			
: houses April 1 :		April 1 :		April 1 :		April 1 :			
: 1955 :		1956 :		1955 :		1956 :		1955 :	
1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000		1,000	
bushels		bushels		bushels		bushels		bushels	
N. Eng.	110	100	*	*	168	2,489	168	2,489	
N.Y.	*	*	5,779	4,694	45,422	46,177	49,405	49,401	
N.J.	135	220	*	*	1,665	914	1,974	1,144	
Pa.	1,763	1,647	860	940	5,340	3,927	8,111	6,242	
Ohio	7,621	6,966	*	*	16,071	14,348	25,773	20,507	
Ind.	1,912	3,033	2,084	2,115	7,500	7,379	17,031	12,477	
Ill.	9,604	10,067	4,425	4,132	24,675	24,444	34,068	32,127	
Mich.	5,289	4,425	1,851	2,516	8,449	8,122	16,957	12,748	
Wis.	1,655	1,393	*	*	30,479	27,455	31,058	27,948	
Minn.	5,221	5,818	6,685	6,155	65,987	75,917	70,761	80,242	
Iowa	439	1,134	1,648	1,961	9,982	12,314	10,296	12,578	
Mo.	16,384	20,096	9,142	8,387	49,950	54,386	57,186	58,357	
N.Dak.	20,337	12,500	2,678	2,520	27,256	18,394	61,893	70,596	
S.Dak.	6,364	6,424	174	189	17,239	17,153	29,933	29,824	
Nebr.	41,652	52,983	3,258	4,618	65,949	76,846	83,820	96,410	
Kans.	106,354	124,384	22,366	22,940	225,114	247,925	256,831	262,047	
Del.	31	34	21	13	52	47	86	73	
Md.	67	42	525	447	4,670	3,953	4,869	4,166	
Va.	839	699	744	683	25,203	24,999	25,896	25,617	
W.Va.	15	7	64	13	79	20	408	212	
N.C.	512	458	624	705	1,136	1,163	2,340	1,952	
S.C.	429	464	130	140	685	723	808	872	
Ga.	508	394	187	150	695	544	809	650	
Fla.	6	8	---	---	6	8	6	8	
Ky.	811	542	770	1,120	3,397	3,343	3,991	3,624	
Tenn.	888	1,022	538	794	1,698	1,896	1,955	2,101	
Ala.	33	130	*	*	1,182	447	1,208	477	
Miss.	27	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Ark.	635	397	*	0	*	397	*	481	
La.	*	*	---	---	3,958	*	3,958	*	
Okla.	32,495	34,634	5,505	5,299	79,685	82,713	82,516	83,427	
Texas	73,686	65,592	10,853	9,467	111,813	99,001	112,431	99,270	
Mont.	8,676	14,475	2,223	2,516	10,920	17,103	37,427	69,675	
Idaho	11,142	10,774	1,081	1,119	12,223	11,893	16,567	16,753	
Wyo.	758	*	*	*	*	906	*	1,686	
Colo.	17,484	17,689	1,640	2,540	23,897	24,299	27,607	28,096	
N.Mex.	2,850	1,667	635	263	3,485	1,930	3,549	2,072	
Ariz.	11	118	78	117	89	235	113	296	
Utah	382	698	1,708	2,051	3,142	4,124	4,137	5,451	
Nev.	*	*	*	---	*	*	*	*	
Wash.	45,071	40,941	3,852	4,806	78,288	81,239	86,257	89,525	
Oreg.	13,051	12,796	2,067	2,080	49,518	63,157	53,909	67,756	
Calif.	1,013	1,303	951	1,183	2,157	3,033	3,731	4,763	
Unallo-									
cated *	11,319	11,711	6,329	5,842	4,252	3,371	5,225	3,441	
U. S.	447,579	467,785	101,475	102,515	1023,476	1,068,734	1,235,068	1,287,584	

*Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/ Includes, in addition to stocks in Interior Mills, Elevators and Warehouses and Merchant Mills, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins, ships and other storages under CCC control.

2/ Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

Stocks of grains April 1, 1956 - Continued

State	Rye				Shelled and ear corn			
	Off-farm		Total 2/		Off-farm		Total 2/	
	total 1/		all positions		total 1/		all positions	
	April 1		April 1		April 1		April 1	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
N.Eng.	*	*	*	*	444	637	712	911
N.Y.	681	635	711	655	5,577	9,041	10,299	14,085
N.J.	3	1	30	16	589	484	4,338	2,223
Pa.	104	21	148	81	3,158	3,279	30,482	27,559
Ohio	38	144	319	347	19,938	16,735	132,727	123,310
Ind.	24	31	342	300	35,313	31,761	162,843	174,462
Ill.	6,115	2,033	6,417	2,319	143,845	162,662	389,287	436,868
Mich.	86	40	369	160	9,269	9,578	50,260	48,146
Wis.	467	430	638	606	11,338	9,410	62,409	45,817
Minn.	1,959	1,850	2,559	2,606	76,852	72,587	212,639	231,945
Iowa	22	23	47	68	236,403	290,228	577,079	595,168
Mo.	148	122	255	200	18,806	21,921	49,777	92,587
N.Dak.	1,404	4,527	4,459	10,143	1,430	1,414	5,855	6,616
S.Dak.	450	1,865	1,877	4,072	39,390	43,771	96,727	85,931
Nebr.	106	83	664	743	76,418	87,948	183,669	141,070
Kans.	40	93	190	190	7,953	9,470	21,915	18,385
Del.	3	*	15	*	1,333	1,069	3,031	2,545
Md.	29	130	52	139	2,146	3,124	8,050	7,667
Va.	45	22	74	41	1,222	1,312	10,323	10,359
W.Va.	1	*	4	*	102	80	3,405	2,397
N.C.	2	4	29	37	2,778	2,524	19,876	28,668
S.C.	*	1	*	14	280	396	3,951	12,617
Ga.	*	*	*	*	1,016	1,149	9,289	21,165
Fla.	---	*	---	*	133	259	1,839	2,060
Ky.	120	145	164	153	2,669	2,848	30,767	36,980
Tenn.	10	6	23	21	2,977	3,568	15,229	25,314
Ala.	*	*	*	*	976	1,211	8,372	25,627
Miss.	*	*	*	*	215	522	8,469	17,250
Ark.	*	*	*	*	91	153	1,879	6,516
La.	---	26	---	26	259	1,603	3,132	7,344
Okla.	11	7	149	71	293	270	901	1,859
Texas	70	11	104	24	1,473	2,409	6,526	12,143
Mont.	7	52	50	234	37	30	102	109
Idaho	2	13	10	22	43	52	523	727
Wyo.	*	2	*	33	33	24	87	188
Colo.	19	14	102	85	1,065	715	3,116	2,441
N.Mex.	*	1	*	10	11	23	321	247
Ariz.	*	*	*	*	14	57	202	349
Utah	---	---	10	16	108	124	155	156
Nev.	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1
Wash.	185	114	250	163	257	7,611	769	8,443
Oreg.	49	21	111	99	120	6,433	464	6,644
Calif.	7	5	25	9	831	5,809	1,152	6,388
Unallocated *	7	10	38	24	12	---	12	---
U.S.	12,214	12,482	20,235	23,727	707,218	814,322	2,132,961	2,291,287

* Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/ Includes stocks at Interior Mills, Elevators and Warehouses, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins and other storages under C.C.C. control.

2/ Off-farm total plus farm stocks.

Stocks of grains, April 1, 1956 - Continued

State	Oats				Barley			
	Off-farm		Total 2/		Off-farm		Total 2/	
	total 1/		all positions		total 1/		all positions	
	April 1		April 1		April 1		April 1	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
N.Eng.	504	385	1,996	1,626	73	70	105	87
N.Y.	3,295	4,072	11,899	13,913	774	778	1,286	1,538
N.J.	218	264	823	718	*	526	*	662
Pa.	623	1,096	12,651	13,713	130	270	2,154	2,379
Ohio	2,831	3,752	22,670	28,595	*	137	*	637
Ind.	1,543	1,776	18,901	24,341	42	45	388	604
Ill.	3,170	5,364	48,437	58,586	935	1,342	1,384	2,294
Mich.	1,135	1,259	23,334	30,256	*	253	*	1,352
Wis.	4,322	6,955	52,710	63,923	11,273	8,264	12,126	8,705
Minn.	14,501	15,843	96,259	110,858	11,426	12,247	24,329	24,981
Iowa	6,576	6,849	106,236	110,133	*	*	*	*
Mo.	1,266	3,016	19,824	21,752	*	1,243	*	3,323
N.Dak.	3,605	4,164	33,441	34,471	5,305	10,393	36,388	45,681
S.Dak.	3,680	9,437	63,979	64,807	592	599	6,790	4,694
Nebr.	1,235	1,703	27,176	21,857	165	2,242	2,055	4,002
Kans.	621	1,148	10,405	9,521	295	405	2,565	3,377
Del.	72	41	151	127	3	1	64	49
Md.	205	1,348	944	2,156	540	533	1,390	1,237
Va.	275	153	1,760	1,405	392	78	1,148	886
W.Va.	40	24	742	627	11	5	151	121
N.C.	448	487	4,119	3,813	80	86	448	334
S.C.	1,492	1,066	4,354	4,069	11	10	63	65
Ga.	3,106	2,557	4,592	4,566	16	---	27	13
Fla.	98	94	152	142	---	---	---	---
Ky.	93	94	1,287	1,150	15	13	458	473
Tenn.	385	703	1,632	1,841	54	*	234	*
Ala.	185	474	742	1,332	*	*	*	*
Miss.	1,110	1,758	4,868	4,830	13	22	13	22
Ark.	1,307	1,381	2,992	3,615	*	*	*	*
La.	125	360	357	1,130	6	34	6	34
Okla.	535	475	3,440	2,875	152	186	685	652
Texas	2,325	1,694	9,355	5,610	322	182	667	431
Mont.	189	236	7,437	7,867	4,280	6,818	26,612	29,449
Idaho	1,524	1,026	4,270	3,634	3,575	2,741	7,716	6,427
Wyo.	66	87	1,782	2,105	90	86	1,434	1,784
Colo.	302	329	1,972	2,185	1,103	1,333	3,152	3,995
N.Mex.	27	44	116	146	4	20	83	125
Ariz.	27	51	126	161	3,421	2,080	4,954	2,870
Utah	102	103	854	791	709	649	3,026	2,908
Nev.	7	12	93	61	33	20	165	104
Wash.	1,691	1,179	3,695	3,012	15,904	13,554	19,144	15,933
Oreg.	2,208	1,766	5,713	4,244	7,829	6,774	11,244	9,457
Calif.	736	705	1,089	1,043	18,118	16,188	28,603	23,882
Unallocated *	---	---	---	---	2,105	323	5,460	767
U.S.	67,805	85,330	619,375	673,607	89,796	90,550	206,517	206,334

* Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Includes stocks at Interior Mills, Elevators and Warehouses, commercial stocks reported by Grain Division, AMS, at terminals, and those owned by Commodity Credit Corporation which are in transit to ports, in bins and other storages under C.C.C. control.

2/ Off-farm total plus farm stocks. - 6 -

Sorghum grain: Off-farm 1/ stocks, by States

State	April 1, 1955	April 1, 1956	State	April 1, 1955	April 1, 1956
	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>		<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>
N.Y.	6	5	Ala.	41	124
Pa.	10	6	Miss.	14	22
Ohio	*	*	Ark.	22	154
Ind.	5	13	La.	17	2,411
Ill.	26	*	Okla.	2,418	3,211
Wis.	4	4	Texas	82,181	96,652
Minn.	4	*	Wyo.	7	5
Iowa	*	52	Colo.	600	1,799
Mo.	4,428	1,305	N.Mex.	1,251	2,187
S.Dak.	*	16	Ariz.	2,875	1,950
Nebr.	3,068	538	Utah	165	---
Kans.	21,987	12,503	Nev.	*	---
Md.	3	3	Wash.	8	---
N.C.	122	186	Oreg.	9	25
S.C.	*	*	Calif.	934	1,439
Ga.	---	6	Other States and		
Fla.	*	9	Unallocated*	405	34
Ky.	2	5			
Tenn.	33	63	U. S.	120,645	124,727

* Unallocated - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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